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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the allowability of all claims with the exception of claim 25.

In an effort to expedite issuance of a patent, Applicant cancels claim 25 without prejudice. The amendment is believed to be proper under Rule 1.116(b)(1). With this amendment, the application is in condition for allowance.

Now pending in this application are claims 1-24 and 26-27. Of these, claims 1 and 26 are independent.

Applicant enclosed a petition for extension of time with authorization to charge the extension fee to our deposit account. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00786-421002.

Respectfully submitted,

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